

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES. May 10, 1880.—For the Middle Atlantic States rising followed in the interior by falling barometer, slightly warmer southeast to southwest winds; clear weather followed by numerous local rains.

SALE OF R. V. M. R. R.—The Virginia Midland Railroad will be sold to this city by persons in front of the market building soon on Thursday next. The property which the company will put up will be the entire of Washington City, Virginia Midland and the Southern Railroad, running 230 miles from this city to Danville, and also its branch, the Manassas railroad, running from the town of Manassas, Prince William county, (107 miles,) to Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, with the Warrenton branch, from Warrenton Junction (joined to the town of Warrenton, to all 316 miles) to Warrenton, and the 316 miles of way, with stock, engines, workshops, depots, &c., which cost about \$12,000,000.—These will be put up under the hammer and disposed of in one lot; \$200,000 are required to be paid down at the close of the sale, and the residue when the sale shall be confirmed by the court. The sale takes place at the suit of Durham vs. the railroad, under the authority of Jas. S. Barbour, commissioner of the circuit court.

The Baltimore Sun says:

"It is expected that this road will be purchased by the Baltimore & Ohio, formed by the bondholders at a meeting held at the Reserve Bank of Baltimore, a few months ago, in which Robert Garrett, R. P. Ballou and J. W. Fox were appointed trustees to collect debts of some eight millions of the road. Upon the purchase of the road by these persons, the franchises of the Virginia Midland Company will come under the law of Virginia, and it will be sold and used in the possession of the road, who will thereby become a Virginia corporation under such name as they choose."

MEETING IN THE COUNTY.—Persons to a sum meeting of the conservative voters of Alexandria and districts was held at Walker's hotel on Saturday, the 5th instant, at 1 p.m.

The superintendent of schools J. R. Mead presided at the meeting to order, and stated that the object was in compliance with the instructions of the conservative executive committee of the county, that Arlington district should elect two delegates to meet in convention with a like number from the other districts of the county for the purpose of electing two delegates at large from the county, to be sent to the State conservative convention, which assembles in Richmond on the 19th instant.

J. R. Adams was elected chairman and J. H. Clements secretary.

The following gentlemen were then chosen delegates: J. P. Bush and J. E. Clemons; Thomas C. B. Graham, Jr., and J. R. Mead. Quite a hearty discussion of the merits and probability of the different presidential candidates was then participated in by a great many present; and while there was no agreement of opinion in favor of any one candidate, yet the meeting was a vote in its opposition to the nomination of Mr. Tilden.

The meeting at a late hour adjourned.

AN INVESTIGATION.—A court of inquiry has been engaged for some days past, at the Virginia Midland railroad depot, in investigating a charge of indecent assault made against a baggage master of that road, by a colored woman, a chambermaid on the same train with him. The woman states the assault was made upon her by the baggage master, on Saturday night, a week ago, about ten o'clock, while she was asleep in a chair, of the south-bound train, which was then lying at Danville. The accused who has heretofore been considered no seductress, upright young miss, says there is no truth in the charge, as he has witnesses to prove that he was not in the car at the time the woman claims the assault was made. He also states that the woman made no charge to the conductor of his train against him, nor said anything about the master to anyone, but waited until the train was transferred to another conductor, to whom she made the complaint between this city and Washington. The baggage master has been suspended from the road pending the investigation, which has not yet been concluded.

WEDDING IN THE COUNTY.—On Thursday, the 9th inst., there was quite a large gathering of the people of the county at Mount Olive Church, to witness the marriage ceremony of Mr. James Baldwin and Miss Marie Phelps, both of the county. Precisely at 6 o'clock p.m. the happy couple glided gracefully down the aisle of the church, keeping step to the strains of music of a wedding march, artificially played by Mrs. Fannie Syphard, and were duly bound together in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Mr. Starns. The bride was a beautiful light-colored girl, slender, with a delicate sickly and white complexion, while the groom looked a sturdy, robust fellow, somewhat spry in his pants, dark coat, vest and tie. The couple was wedged by Mr. W. H. Veach, a young and recently married couple, who appeared rather formally dressed, and decided matrimonial appearance.

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OUR DOOR SPORTS.—The season for out-door sports has commenced, and base ball and rowing matches are in order. On Saturday evening a game of base ball was played on the commons near the Virginia Midland Railroad depot, between the Virginia Midland nine, Frat, Waddey, captain, and the Whitestone club, Charles Hardy, captain, with the following result: Virginia Midland nine, 14; White stone, 13. A match game was also played at the High School on Saturday between the second and third of the Howards and the Old Dominion club of this city, resulting in a victory for the Old Dominion by a score of 18 to 10.

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YESTERDAY.—The bright weather of yesterday did the effect of bringing out a large crowd to the several churches in the morning, the pews of which were all filled by the radical church, except to the Baptist Church, where there were no services either morning or night.

Mr. Pitt Beck being absent in Kentucky, is attending upon the session of the General Convention of the Southern Baptist Church, and the meeting in the thermometer stood 80 degrees in the shade, and in the afternoon various shade places in the city, were crowded with young people, while the grave yards, which are most pleasant places of resort, were not as large as they were in the morning, crowded with pleasure seekers. At 3 o'clock p.m. a large gospel temperance meeting was held at the room of the Alexandria Reform Club, at which addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Mills, and Moses Coombs and Lathrop of Washington. At night the weather being warm the congregations at the different churches were not as large as they were in the morning, the people preferring to remain at home and catch the breeze from the front door steps.

POTOMAC FRUIT GROWERS.—The Washington Republican of this morning says:

"Tuesday evening May 11, Mrs. M. D. Linda-
ella will receive and entertain the Potomac
Fruit Growers' Association at 615 H street
northwest, assisted by Mr. Dr. S. A. H.
McKinn, Mrs. R. M. McRae and Miss Jessie
F. Waite. Mr. McKinn, Colonel Chase, Mr.
Monton will introduce the guests. The Chair-
man and his agent, Major A. M. Kllsler,
and Mr. Stewart, interpreter, will be present,
the former singin' their wild, wild songs—
Music, recitations and refreshments will follow.
Messrs. Hanlan and Riley, the oarsmen, have
been invited."

MOUNT VERNON.—The Board of Regents of Mount Vernon, consisting of members from the different States, will meet at the Mount Vernon mansion on the 23d instant. President Hayes visited the tomb of Washington on the steamer W. W. Corcoran, which has resumed her regular trips on that route, on Saturday, and after refitting his mind with the hatchet story, returned to Washington in the afternoon. The students of the Episcopal High School also made a pilgrimage to the Mecca of America to-day.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire last night, about half past eleven o'clock, which succeeded in putting out the entire fire department, was caused by the discovery of a fire in the kitchen of a small brick house on Columbus street, opposite the old Court House, owned by Wm. Gray, Jr. and son, and occupied by a colored family. The steam engines did not go into service as the fire was extinguished by the neighbors with buckets of water before the flames succeeded in making any headway. The damage was slight.

MUNICIPAL.—The Committee on General Laws of the City Council, will meet this evening at the Auditor's office for the purpose of considering a bill to prevent the sale of intoxicants in the market; also a bill referred to them providing for a reduction of the number of feet in a cord of wood from 128 to 120 feet.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council will be held to-morrow night.

NEW TRAMMER.—Superintendent Phillips, of the Potowmack Ferry Company, says he has completed the arrangements for the purchase of the steamer Arrow Smith, a Baltimore steamer, about the size of the steamer John W. Thompson. It is understood that the steamer Thompson will be withdrawn from the Lower Potowmack route and her place will be supplied by the Arrow Smith, which is said to be a fast and commodious boat.

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A SICKENING MURDER.—At Chicago on Saturday night James Tobin, a bus boy, murdered his own daughter. He went home partly intoxicated and turned his family out of the house during a heavy thunder storm, because his wife refused to go to bed for herself, said a friend who was with him. She's quietly his daughter, Molie, a girl seventeen years of age, residing in his house, and he sent her out with five dollars to buy a rabbit, saying he was going to pick up his children and leave his family forever. She got the money and returned, but neglected to provide a key. This enraged Tobin and he took the lock to pieces and ordered Molie to return the valise and bring back the money. She went into an adjoining room, but, suspecting that she was not obeying his orders, followed, dragged a lock by the help of which he violently opened the door. He then jumped on her breast with his knees, and began pinning her, she crying "Oh, father, don't kill me!" When Tobin stopped murdering his daughter, a Mrs. Hodges, who resided in the house, had time calling for help, and called Molie into the next room, but the blood came trickling to her lips, and she died in a few minutes. Tobin was arrested and died having killed his daughter, but Mrs. Hodges and her eight year old son tell the same story of their brutal son.

FATAL ENCOUNTER.—St. Louis, May 10.—Hornig, school teacher and son of R. Taylor, between whom there had bad blood, met in Broadrock, Marion county, Saturday. Both immediately drew revolvers and at the third shot by Hornig, Taylor fell dead.

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NEW YORK, May 10.—Mary Lager, a native of Germany, and 47 years of age, committed suicide yesterday morning by throwing herself from the fourth story window of the Raymond Hotel, jail, where she had been sent for inter-
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LOCAL BREVIETIES.

The mercury in the thermometer stood at 81° in the shade to day.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Cornelius Cape, and Maggie Lane of Washington.

The dredging machine which has been employed at Smoot's wharf for the past few days, spring sleek this morning and sunk.

The colored Knights Templar of Washington, Richmond and Alexandria, will have a parade and competition drill in this city on the 25th instant.

Rev. L. H. Pearce, who has been indisposed for several days past, was yesterday able to carry his pulpit as usual.

The Circuit Court of Prince William county, Judge Keith presiding, commenced to-day at Brentsville, with several of the lawyers from this city have gone.

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